

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
WILMETTE, IL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Amy Poehling called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Erin Stone, Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kari Cremascoli, Corey Bultemeier, Tony DeMonte, Heather Glowacki, Katie Lee, Kristin Swanson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Dana Nasiakos and Assistant Principal Anthony Haduch introduced students who highlighted the outdoor spaces at McKenzie School. Students spoke about the new playground enhancements, the garden, and the mileage club. Students then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Board of Education Budget Hearing, Regular and Executive Session Meetings. The minutes were approved as submitted by **General Consent**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Gordon, Romona parent spoke about the high paraprofessional turnover rate and suggested a competitive increase in salaries.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facility Development Committee (FDC) – No Report

School Finance Committee (SFC) – No Report

Strategy –Mrs. Schneider-Fabes

The Strategy Committee met as part of the Committee of the Whole on September 11. Discussion focused on an in-depth review of the Strategic Plan Action Steps for this school year. Following the District Strategic Advisory Team’s review of these plans, the Board reviewed and provided feedback on the proposals as well. A final presentation and approval of these proposed action steps was provided later on the agenda.

Liaison Reports

Community Review Committee (CRC) – The first CRC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10.

Educational Foundation – The first Educational Foundation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20.

Wilmette Village Intergovernmental Cooperation Working Group – The Intergovernmental Working Group will meet on Thursday, October 25.

Illinois Association of School Boards – Mrs. Paflas

Registration for the Joint Annual Conference is still open and will be held in Chicago November 17-19.

The IASB North Cook Division Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Rolling Meadows. The registration fee is \$70 per person. The program for this event features “An Evening with State Superintendent Tony Sanders.” In addition, election of officers will be accomplished by the Governing Board.

Legislative Update – Mrs. Paflas

The Illinois General Assembly is not in session. They will convene for a veto session on October 24, 25, 26 and again on November 6, 7, 8. Regular session set for January 10, 2024, the second Wednesday of January.

ED-RED (along with LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage) are continuing to work on legislation to end the use of school buildings as polling places. Bridget Peach at ED-RED has submitted language to Senator Ram Villivalam (8th District) and awaits a response. The expectation is to move a bill in the upcoming fall veto session. Members will be updated as advocacy opportunities begin to arise.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Written Communication

Dr. Cremascoli reported the Board received written communication regarding reading and discussion; from Carl Hopman regarding the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Task Force; from Sara Cooper regarding KEEP39 fees; and Mike Gordon regarding paraprofessional salaries.

B. Administrative Announcements

Successful Curriculum Nights

Dr. Cremascoli reported Curriculum Nights provide opportunities for parents and teachers to connect as the school year gets underway. Teachers provided an overview of curriculum across all content areas and offer insights regarding their classroom expectations and supports.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 16-17

Dr. Cremascoli stated the District’s parent-teacher conferences will be held November 16-17, the week prior to fall break and the Thanksgiving Holiday. Conferences will be scheduled using *Meet-the-Teacher*, which will open to parents on Monday, October 30.

PASS39 Ice Cream Social

Dr. Cremascoli stated PASS39 recently held its annual Ice Cream Social. PASS39 is a District 39 parent organization committed to supporting parents of children with learning, behavioral, emotional, and developmental challenges. Sue Mack, an expert in disability advocacy and parent rights, provided a presentation to parents about how to support children through meaningful participation in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Dr. Cremascoli reported the District received a FOIA request from Katherine Smyser of NBC asking for any requests to reconsider, ban, and/or challenge any books or other materials from January 1, 2013 to the present.

C. Strategic Plan Update

1. District 39 Strategic Plan: *Engage, Empower, Inspire* Action Steps for 2023-2024
Ms. Katie Lee and the entire administration shared the updated strategic goal action steps to be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year.

D. Board Policy Review

1. Second and Final Reading of Board of Education Policies 3:30; 4:45; 6:10; 6:80; 7:180; 7:190; 7:275; 7:305; 8:10; 8:25; 8:30; 8:80; and 8:95

Dr. Glowacki stated the suggested edit to Policy 7:190 has been made. Second and final reading policies were presented for Board approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to approve the personnel report dated September 18, 2023, which included licensed full-time employment of **Lauren Zisman**, effective September 5, 2023; educational support personnel full-time employment of **Keyon Gates**, effective September 11, 2023; educational support personnel resignation of **Ariella Bral**, effective September 1, 2023; **Yuritzzy Gonzalez**, effective September 8, 2023; tenured leave of absence of **Lucie de Kock**, effective November 20, 2023 to the end of the 2023-2024 school year: approve the District 39 Strategic Plan: *Engage, Empower, Inspire* Action Steps for 2023-2024: approve as second and final reading of Board of Education Policies 3:30 *Organizational Chart*; 4:45 *Insufficient Fund Checks*; 6:10 *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*; 6:80 *Teaching About Controversial Issues*; 7:180 *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; 7:190 *Student Behavior*; 7:275 *Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment*; 7:305 *Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries*; 8:10 *Communications with the Public*; 8:25 *Advertising and Distribution of Literature and Other Materials by Non-School Entities*; 8:30 *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property and Community Use of Buildings*; 8:80 *Gifts to the District*; and 8:95 *Community Review Committee*: approve the accounts payable for bills listed between August 29, 2023 – September 18, 2023 in the following amounts: Educational Fund \$325,436.14; O&M Fund \$141,174.76; Transportation Fund \$40,835.90; Capital Projects \$2,736,197.23; total all funds: \$3,243,644.03: approve the manual checks issued between August 29, 2023 – September 18, 2023 in the following amounts: Educational Fund \$770,113.02; O&M Fund \$93,619.04; Transportation Fund \$1,099.74; total all funds: \$864,831.80.

On a roll call vote on the motion, voting “yea” – Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Erin Stone,; voting “nay” – none; absent – none:

Motions Carried.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

None

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to adjourn to executive session to discuss collective negotiations, special education/specific student matters, specific personnel, and semi-annual review of executive session minutes and recordings.

Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Erin Stone,; voting “nay” – none; absent – none: **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:43 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:58 p.m.

Being no further business, Ms. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Panzcia, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. It adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by **General Consent.**

President

Secretary